

## **LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**Fiscal Note

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Dept./Agy.: Workforce Commission

**Subject:** Mandatory efiling for insurers and health care providers

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION OR NO IMPACT GF EX See Note Provides relative to electronic medical billing requirements for workers' compensation matters.(8/15/10)

<u>Proposed law</u>: Mandates that the Director of Workers Compensation issue rules, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, that would require workers' compensation medical billing and payments to be electronically submitted by the insurance carriers and health care providers. The rules must become effective by January 1, 2012. Thereafter, the director may adopt additional rules regarding the electronic transfer of medical claims information.

EXPENDITURES	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
REVENUES	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Mandating the electronic filing of medical claims and payments by medical providers and insurance companies will not impact state expenditures. The Office of Risk Management (ORM) indicates that the state's workers' compensation program will be outsourced to a private firm (FARA) by the time this bill becomes effective. FARA already makes payments electronically. In the experience of the ORM, about 90% of providers currently file claims electronically. With an effective date of January 1, 2012, it is expected that the few firms not currently filing electronically will have sufficient time to accommodate this mandate.

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>
13.5.1 >= \$500,	000 Annual Fiscal Cost
13.5.2 >= \$500,	000 Annual Tax or Fee
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6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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